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## THE PLEA OF THE CHINESE.

*Rulings Which Explain the Lo San Case and the Need for Fighting It to a Finish.*

The Star has received a copy of a pamphlet published last month in San Francisco by Ng Poon Chew, the editor of a Chinese paper, on the subject of the treatment of the classes of Chinese exempt from the exclusion law's provisions. It is a very timely review of the brutalities of the administration of this law and quotes President Roosevelt and other prominent Americans as admitting that grave injustice has been done the Chinese. The following paragraphs are of special interest here as bearing on a current local discussion of the methods of interpreting the act:

"It was declared that a teacher was one who teaches the higher branches in a recognized institution of learning; a student was one who pursues the higher branches in a recognized institution of learning; the latter for which are wanting in his own country or in the country from which he came; a merchant was one who carried on business in a fixed place, in buying and selling, in his own name. If a merchant, who does a million dollars worth of business a year, invests one dollar in a hotel or restaurant business or in a manufacturing concern, in a mining venture or railroad enterprise, his status as a merchant is at once vitiated, and he is denied admission, or deported if already admitted. As a result Chinese traders, salesmen, clerks, buyers, bookkeepers, bankers, accountants, managers, storekeepers, agents, cashiers, interpreters, physicians, proprietors of restaurants and laundries, employers, actors, newspaper editors, and even preachers and missionaries of Christianity, are excluded from the shores of the United States. A Chinese by the name of Wah Sang was admitted to this country as a student in theology, and as long as he was a student he was allowed to remain in the country; but when he completed his course in theological training, and entered into active service in preaching the Gospel to his countrymen under the auspices of the Methodist Church, he was arrested in Texas as a laborer, was tried and ordered deported in February, 1905, the court sustaining the contention of the immigration officials that a preacher is a laborer, and therefore subject to the operation of the Exclusion Law."

An important fact in connection with these rulings is that they appear to be, to an extent at least, decisions of the attorney general rather than of the courts, and, as such, subject to correction by the courts, or to modification by the executive department, which in the light of present tendencies would seem not difficult to secure. In fact recent utterances of Secretary Strauss have shown clearly an intention to enforce the law less harshly.

The news from Washington by the transport Crook's mail is full of indications that at last the federal government is taking hold of the Pearl Harbor proposition in earnest.

Probably some of the battleship fleet will always be kept in the Pacific, and it would seem that Honolulu has a right to expect, under such circumstances, that the navy be constantly represented here, by more than the flagship Iroquois.

There is no theory under which Thaw can be regarded as sane enough for release, or to resist efforts to annul his marriage. In defending him on the charge of murder his relatives told the jury he showed signs of insanity as a baby and at times during all his career. If a commission now decides that he is sane enough to be released, it means either that the commission is wrong or the jury was deceived.

## OTHER PLEADERS FOR US.

*The Coming Seattle Exposition Directs National Attention to the Importance of These Islands.*

Locally, there has not been much attention given yet to the matter of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, but in Washington Hawaii's claim to an appropriation was strongly urged. Delegate Kuhio's secretary, Mr. McClellan, and F. M. Hatch, both appeared before a House committee and supported the plan and Congressman Humphrey of Washington made a plea for us in the following terms: "Hawaii pays annually more than a \$1,000,000 into the national Treasury. She wants some of this money, a small portion, to make an exhibit. Hawaii today is cramped and hampered, and the great development that is rightfully hers much retarded by a want of capital and by a want of people. This great handicap is due almost entirely to a lack of information of the world at large of the opportunities that Hawaii possesses. Let the people of the United States know the opportunities of this island and population and money would soon find its way there. Her representatives and her people want to participate in our exhibit. It means much to them, it means much to the nation. Congress can not afford to be miserly with Hawaii. The mighty resources of Hawaii, of the Philippines, and Alaska are practically of little use to man and bring but little benefit to the Government. They lie waiting only the magic change that is wrought by the industry of hand and brain to pour forth their measureless wealth. This transformation can only come by letting the world know the facts, by letting men know that they will be the gainers by developing these resources. It is for this purpose that Alaska, Hawaii, and the Philippines ask you to give them an appropriation in keeping with the greatness of their products.

"The great commercial development of this nation in the future must be upon the Pacific. If we are to have commercial supremacy, it must come upon the Pacific. If we are to be a world power, we must conquer the Pacific. The future, the destiny and the integrity of this nation, depends most largely upon our action within the next few years upon the Pacific. The next ten years will be big with mighty events upon the Pacific Ocean. We may attempt as we will to disguise the fact, but upon the Pacific within the next few years will be the scene of our greatest achievement, our greatest success, our greatest glory, or it will be the scene of our failure, our defeat, and our humiliation. And herein, gentlemen, to my mind, lies the greatest reason of all for doing at this most opportune time everything possible to draw the attention of the nation to this fact. Can money be more wisely expended than for this purpose?"

# The Man and His Job

By HERBERT J. HAPGOOD.

Some employers expect a whole lot for little money. A clerk who is working for a pretty salary is often held responsible for things that should come up before a competent executive. An inexperienced man is not capable of handling a high grade selling proposition and you can't hire an expert accountant for \$10 a week.

A young man I know holds a position in a factory, where his duties are to keep the books, fill orders, pack and ship, charge and make out bills, and handle all correspondence. Furthermore, at certain seasons of the year he assumes full charge of the factory and is responsible for everything that goes on. For these services he receives only \$11 a week.

In Jamaica high school graduates are hired to work in one of the general merchandise stores at the ridiculously low salary of \$5 a month.

The other day I heard about a young clerical man who applied for a position in the New York office of a well known importing house. He asked for \$45 a month and said he thought that his experience would make him worth it. The manager threw up his hands in horror and said he expected to get a good office man for about \$25 a month.

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An ambitious writer once secured permission to photograph some of the larger animals in the New York zoo. Hiring a young German with a large-sized assurance and a medium-sized camera, he went to the antelope house. Here the keeper was told what was wanted and preparations were made to photograph Victoria through the bars. The keeper however, said "Stop right inside, gentlemen," and opened the door.

In a sunny corner of the yard the keeper by using main strength secured Victoria in a pose, but the artist found trouble in getting adjusted. When he was ready for a picture Victoria suddenly began galloping in a circle, which made the artist despair.

"I haven't brought a moving picture machine here; can't you reason with her?" he begged.

"Well, sir, snap her—snap her while she's steady," yelled the keeper.

"But I don't want to take you on her head," protested the other man.

The keeper let her go and coolly lighted a cigar and then Victoria stood still long enough to be taken. An argument now arose, the artist declaring that one exposure was enough, but the literary man wished another. Victoria, however, quickly convinced them that they were through by performing a jungle dance across the yard which terminated vis-a-vis with the artist. The now quite paralyzed partner of this movement refused the honor and started for the door. But in the inner room he stumbled over a bale of hay and fell flat on his face. On rising to his knees he was dismayed to find Victoria's nose in close proximity to his own, and quite collapsed. His hat, coat and camera were brought out by his friend, and both decided that photographing wild beasts was not such fun as they had been told.

Victoria is a half-grown African two-horned rhinoceros.

He was one of the men who had helped to win the war with Spain by being in readiness to engage the enemy at a moment's notice had his regiment have been ordered to advance to the attack. He was a member of a volunteer outfit, and it might have been the last District of Columbia Infantry. The toughest contest he had been engaged in was his struggle with what was known to the commissariat as "canned roast beef," "corned horse" and hardtack of uncertain age and a toughness that defied any power save the sharp edge of an army hatchet. He had been in the trenches before Santiago the famous "wet night" when there was a tropical downpour that filled the "works" to their topmost level and made life unbearable for the time being. But he had violated some of the articles of war 'twas said, and his first lieutenant handed him a dishonorable discharge, known in army parlance as a "bootail," after the close of the deliberation of a court-martial.

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enemy." After reading this specification he turned to the lieutenant and in a most solemn tone said: "I showed cowardice in the face of the enemy, eh? Why lieutenant, that is impossible. How in the dickens could I show cowardice in the face of the enemy when I have never seen the damned enemy?"

### NOT A PLAIN COOK.

Mistress—"See here, Jane, I can't have you entertaining company in my kitchen all the time."  
New Cook—"Faith, an' it do be your own fault, mum. Yez should av' advertised for a plain cook."

### DIDN'T MATTER THEN.

"Honestly, I feel sorry for you" said the angry husband scornfully. "It's too bad that you haven't any sense."  
"Oh, it's too late to worry about that now," rejoined his wife, "but it's too bad I didn't have any when you proposed."

### VERY LITTLE FEELING.

Tom (at the musicale)—"Don't you think Miss Screecher sings with considerable feeling?"  
Jack—"Not so I can notice it. If she had any feeling for the rest of us she wouldn't sing at all."

### NOTHING ELSE.

First Drummer—"Is there much red tape in your business?"  
Second Drummer—"You bet there is."  
First Drummer—"What's your line?"  
Second Drummer—"Red tape."

### GLOOMY OUTLOOK.

"Heaven helps those who help themselves," quoted the moralizer.  
"Oh, I don't know," rejoined the demoralized. "Heaven doesn't seem to get busy in behalf of the man who helps himself to other people's property."

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